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REVENUE COLLECTION FROM PAN MASALA AND GUTKHA INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The details of duty collected by the Government from Pan Masala and gutkha industries during each of the last 3 years, year wise;

(b) Whether the Government has introduced an optional compounded levy scheme for pan masala and gutkha industries; (

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the matter in which tax evasion by pan masala and gutkha industries will be checked by such scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): Central Excise duty collected from pan masala and gutkha during last three years was as follows:

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08(April-Sept.)
	Rs. crore		
Pan Masaia (withouttobacco)	151.3	246.6	87.88
Gutkha (pan masala containing tobacco)	261.7	360	177.7

Provisional figures.

(b)&(c): Yes Sir. Notification 38/2007-Central Excise (N.T.) dated 19.12.2007 provides the details of the scheme.

(d) : Under the scheme, duty has been prescribed per packing machine irrespective of actual production. Units that were underreporting their productions are likely to pay a higher amount of duty under the scheme.